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CANDIDATE?



Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York is considered one of the great political enigmas of the century. Whether he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for president has the best political minds baffled. Governor Dewey is shown as pictured in the March issue of *Cosmopolitan* magazine, accompanied by Mrs. Dewey.

BLAST CLAIMS ARE HEARD BY CONGRESSIONAL GROUP

Attorneys E. G. Hobbs and William I. Godwin of Selma, Judge Larry F. Wood and O. L. Duncan of Smithfield, and N. W. Outlaw of Goldsboro, attended a hearing before a House subcommittee on claims in Washington last Thursday and presented arguments for the payment of claims filed by residents of this community as the result of the munitions truck explosion near Selma on March 7, 1942.

With Judge Wood as chief spokesman, this group presented arguments in behalf of more than 150 claimants. Damages are sought to cover personal injury and property damage.

The explosion, occurring at the intersection of Highways 301 and 70, leveled several buildings, damaged many others, killed seven persons and injured more than 60.

The original bill introduced into Congress by Congressman Cooley and Senator Bailey called for federal payment of claims totaling \$187,723. The measure was based upon the report of a three-member commission appointed by Governor Broughton to study the claims of personal and property damages and arrive at reasonable figures.

After the bill was introduced, other claims were filed with Cooley and Bailey, bringing the total amount of claims to around \$200,000.

The war department recently submitted an unfavorable report on the measure, holding that the explosion was not the result of any negligence on the part of any officer or employee of the war department. The department, however, did not recommend that the bill be killed, but stated that "whether or not relief should be granted is a matter of grace solely within the discretion of the legislative branch of the government."

The delegation appearing before the House group Thursday did not contend that it was a legal duty of the government to pay the claims, but insisted that there was a moral obligation involved.

On their return from Washington, members of the delegation said they were encouraged over the prospect of getting favorable action on the bill.

"The three members of the subcommittee—Representatives Murphy of Pennsylvania, Jennings of Tennessee and Patton of Texas—gave attentive ears to our presentation of the case," commented Judge Wood, who made the principal speech before the committee. The other members of the delegation made brief remarks after Judge Wood had outlined the basis of the claims.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET FEBRUARY 29

The Junior Woman's club will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 29, at 8 o'clock, at the Woman's club building. New officers will be elected. All members are urged to attend.

Religious Leaders Hold Important Meeting Here

A meeting of Selma ministers and held at the Selma Mill Chapel on last Sunday afternoon, at which time reports were heard from the different churches and Sunday schools relative to church and Sunday school attendance.

Rev. D. M. Clemmons made a report on church attendance at the First Baptist church on Sunday morning, and Roy A. Driver made a report on Sunday school attendance.

Rev. Geo. W. Blount made a report on church attendance at the Methodist church on Sunday morning, and Bill Thad Woodard made a report on Sunday school attendance.

Rev. E. H. Babb made a report on church and Sunday school attendance at the Church of God located near the Good Will Club.

M. L. Stencil made a report on attendance at the Selma Presbyterian Sunday school. There was no preaching services at this church on that date.

Rev. W. H. Watson made a report on Sunday school attendance at the First Free Will Baptist church of Selma. No preaching services were held at this church on that date.

Romie Daughtry made a report on Sunday school attendance at the new Free Will Baptist church. No preaching services held at this church on that date.

This was the first time these church and Sunday school leaders have held a meeting of this kind, and the reports and discussions were very interesting. It was generally agreed that there is a sad lack of attendance at preaching and Sunday school at most churches these days, and Selma seems to be no exception to the rule.

It being cold and rainy during the church and Sunday school hours last Sunday, naturally caused the reports to come in more discouraging than they would normally have been. The highest reported at any Sunday school last Sunday was at the Church of God, of which Rev. E. H. Babb is pastor. Mr. Babb reported around 110 present at his church for Sunday school.

The second high was the First Free Will Baptist with around 100 present. W. H. Watson is superintendent. Such reports as these coming in from our sub-urban churches on a cold rainy morning should certainly make us "city" folks sit up and take notice.

Sam Jones reported for the Sunday school at the Mill Chapel. He also presided over the meeting, for which he was largely responsible.

Another such meeting is planned some time later in the spring.

Bonds of Victory . . . buy 'em!

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the war in every part of the world is in its most critical stage requiring every ounce of human endeavor possible on the part of those on the home front; and

WHEREAS, the young men of this city are fighting and dying on far-flung battlefronts— from Europe to the islands of the Far East, both on land, on the seas and in the air; and

WHEREAS, it is not only the privilege, but the duty as well, of every American to serve the Cause of Humanity to as great an extent as possible, and in every way possible; and

WHEREAS, it is our common aim to contribute to the welfare of our sons and daughters in the armed forces, wherever they may be, even to the point of sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, we must also protect our families remaining at home in the event of any man-made, or natural disaster, which may strike without warning; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is serving our fighting men the world over, bringing them the comfort and cheer that we ourselves would like to give them, and at the same time is prepared here in our community to aid us in the event of disaster;

NOW, therefore, I, B. A. Henry, Mayor of the Town of Selma, in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, naming March as American Red Cross Month, do here and now call upon the citizens of this town to support the 1944 Red Cross War Fund, to the limit of their ability, by contributing to the Red Cross through our own local chapter or its branches; and I further urge that the citizens of this Town with the knowledge that the Red Cross must carry a greater burden this year than ever before in its history, make their gifts larger than heretofore to enable the Red Cross to meet every demand placed upon it.

Done this 22nd day of February in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four in the Town of Selma, North Carolina.

(Signed) B. A. HENRY, Mayor.

Two Killed In Highway Accident Near Benson "Red" Jones Charged With Criminal Assault

J. Dan Young and Primroe Webb Meet Instant Death and Nancy Beasley Was Injured When Struck by Car Driven By H. M. Johnson of Roanoke Rapids While Walking Along Highway Near Benson.

The grand jury returned a true bill in Johnston County Superior court last week charging former Policeman D. J. (Red) Jones of Selma with assaulting R. Britt with a blackjack on the night of January 22.

Britt, a resident of Selma, is employed as a detective for the Southern Railway. The indictment charges Jones with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Jones, who left his job on the Selma police force after the alleged assault upon Britt is reported to be employed in Washington, D. C. A capias for his arrest has been forwarded to Washington authorities.

Other true bills returned last week indicted the following:

Dewey Stephenson, charged with embezzlement of \$462.67 belonging to Mrs. Ola Stephenson.

Melvin Boykin, charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill upon Pete Narron on January 8.

Cleon Dupree, charged with larceny of a mule belonging to W. M. Benson.

Marine Pvt. David F. Jones of Selma, has been attached to an Artillery Battalion at the Quantico, Va., leatherneck base as a student in the anti-aircraft school.

smashed and the radiator and other parts were damaged.

Young is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lillie Beasley, and a son who is in the army stationed in California.

Webb is survived by his wife, the former Miss Sarah Beasley. They had no children.

Joint funeral services for the accident victims were held Sunday afternoon at Rose funeral chapel in Benson and burial took place in a family cemetery near Benson. The rites were conducted by Elders Xure Lee and Lester Lee.

MILLIONS OF HOMES TO DISPLAY THE RED CROSS SERVICE FLAG NEXT MONTH

Washington, D. C. — Millions of homes throughout the United States will display the American Red Cross service flag in front windows again this year signifying participation in the 1944 Red Cross War Fund scheduled to begin March 1.

Early indications are that some three million men and women volunteers of the Red Cross will participate in the annual home-to-home canvass for the \$200,000,000 Fund needed to carry forward the gigantic task of the Red Cross throughout the world.

These workers, representing the 3756 chapters and 6084 branches of the Red Cross, have spent weeks preparing for the 1944 Red Cross War Fund, the most important war time campaign in the organization's history. Each volunteer will carry with him credentials indicating his official connection during the drive.

Wiggs Grocery Store Suffers Fire Damage



MAVIS B. JONES

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—One of the 27 North Carolina girls in the most recent WAVES training class at famed Hunter college, New York, and who are joining to send messages back to their girl friends suggesting they join up during the statewide WAVES drive, February 21 to March 5, is attractive Miss Mavis B. Jones, of RFD 2, Selma, N. C.

Miss Jones has expressed a keen interest in the hospital corps while at Hunter. She may get training in that branch.

"The Waves are wonderful," she writes. "There are 21 different types of jobs that the Navy has set aside to be done by women as plans were laid for the coming Pacific invasions. These are exciting jobs, jobs that will 'Help Invade Japan.' They involve travel throughout the United States, and they are jobs in which you work side by side with the men who man our fighting ships and planes.

"Ninety-two thousand women are needed by the end of this year to man the jobs set aside for women to do for the Navy. You can help win the war and be trained in a good post war job at the same time—and get pay for it.

"See the WAVES recruiter during this campaign and join us in showing the Nation that North Carolina, the state where the idea of women in the Navy was born, can and will rally to the Navy cause. Write 'WAVES, Raleigh, N. C.' for additional information," she suggested.

About one o'clock Sunday morning the night policeman was attracted by smoke in the Carolina Service & Parts Company here, but upon closer investigation it was found that the fire was in the rear apartment of Wiggs Grocery store which joins the Carolina Auto Parts Co.

The smoke was so dense that firemen were kept from entering the building, and there was no way of telling just where or to what extent the fire was burning.

In order to keep the flames from spreading it was decided that the only way to keep the flames from spreading was to turn the hose into the store building, and by so doing the flames were soon gotten under control, but in doing so the large stock of goods carried by this enterprising concern suffered heavy damage from smoke, was considerable.

The fire is believed to have originated from a hot motor or a defective wire in the rear of the store where the heavy groceries were stored, which was damaged by fire to a much greater extent than any part of the store.

The grocery is operated by T. O. Wiggs of Pine Level and his son, Vernon Wiggs, who lives in Selma. The damage was estimated at approximately \$4,000, covered by insurance.

Dedication Services At Selma Methodist Church

At the altars of the Selma Methodist Church next week, members will pledge rededication of "self, service and substance" to the wartime tasks and opportunities of Christians, as the culminating feature of the denomination's nation-wide second annual Week of Dedication, February 27 to March 5, it was announced today by the Rev. Geo. W. Blount, pastor of the church.

Nearly 8,000,000 Methodists will take part in the observance in 42,000 churches, where they will "renew their covenant with God and give of their substance to building His kingdom in the hearts and lives of men," states Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the national Committee for the Week of Dedication.

"A world at its worst calls for a church at its best" is the general theme for the entire week. Daily services will emphasize the place of the Church in the present world emergency as related to the home, the community, "the world task," and "its source of power."

Methodism's "mobilization of its spiritual resources" will culminate on Sunday, March 5, when men, women and children will make personal commitments of dedication and contribute to a sacrificial, voluntary offering. The Rev. Grover C. Emmons of Nashville, executive secretary of the Committee for the Week of Dedication, states that the offering will be used to carry on war emergency projects, including the following:

Expansion of missionary work in Latin America, aid to missionaries in invaded countries, spiritual ministry to members of the armed services, relief for war refugees, new buildings and workers for Christian services to "dislocated" families in war industry communities, and special aid to Methodist schools. None of these projects are provided for in the regular church budget.

"The Church stands in the midst of a world surrounded by perils and full of possibilities," declared Mr. Blount. "Christian people are backing the boys and girls on the fighting fronts, promising to work, pray and plan for a peaceful and neighborly world in which all peoples may live as brothers. Methodism's Week of Dedication gives our people their opportunity to rededicate themselves to this cause, spiritually and financially."

Special services during the Week of Dedication will be held in the Selma Methodist Church as follows: Wednesday night March 1, and Friday night March 3, at 8 o'clock.

Selma Kiwanians Hear Chairman H. V. Gaskill

Program Chairman Howard V. Gaskill, who is also chairman of the Red Cross drive in Johnston county which is scheduled to begin on March 1, was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening.

Chairman Gaskill said he felt confident the people of Johnston county would measure up to their former records in subscribing the full county quota for the Red Cross during the month of March this year, although it is the largest it has been in recent years, if not the largest ever.

Mr. Gaskill told how, where and when the Red Cross was founded and visualized its growth and usefulness from that time up till the present. His address was pointed with outstanding achievements of the Red Cross, both in peace-time and in war, and especially stressed the work it is doing at this time, at home and on the foreign battlefields.

H. H. Lowry Returns From Rex Hospital

H. H. Lowry, the Advertising Manager and Maindrag Editor of The Johnstonian-Sun, returned from Rex Hospital, Raleigh, Saturday where he spent about three weeks undergoing treatment for a stomach ailment.

Mr. Lowry is back on the job with The Sun again this week, although he does not claim the strength of a Sampson. But he does appear to be staging a comeback, having made a gain of 5 pounds in weight while in the hospital.

Mr. Lowry says he is very glad to be back on the Maindrag again, but that he does greatly miss the tender care and watchfulness of those pretty nurses at the hospital, whom he declares are about the finest set of nurses he has ever seen.

Jean Davis Appears On WCUNC Program

Raleigh, February 18.—Two Meredith College students and three faculty members will have their compositions presented at the Creative Arts Forum at WCUNC in Greensboro this week.

Jean Davis, of Selma, will be one of the eleven students appearing on the program.

Thousands of tons of the new cabbage crop will be dehydrated this spring. The armed forces will take about 6 million pounds and about 2 chiefly Russia.